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NEW-YEAR'S Reception.



AS MONDAY will be generally observed as the day for NEW-YEAR'S CALLS, we lay to all your attention to our stock of FULL-DRESS SUITS.

The following is given for the information of those who will resort to the custom of full dress. It is from the leading fashion gazette of London.

WHAT CONSTITUTES FULL DRESS?

There is no distinction to be drawn between a full dress and one on which full dress is required; and it is required on all occasions of ceremony, such as weddings, evening receptions, formal dinners, New-Year calls, etc., by whom who are scrupulous to comply with the observance of good society.

Acceptable garments, the coat and trousers should be of black broad-brim or fine diagonal, while the vest may be of the same material or white. The coat is cut with a long tail, the trousers are cut with a straight leg and eight-inch bottom, while the coat is cut three button, with a round-bottomed waist. By some ultra-fashionable black vests of silk are worn; but this has not yet reached general acceptance. Embroidered white collars, however, in good form; the embroidery being of a delicate pattern in white upon the surface.

In shirts, plain linen, plain piping of narrow ruffles, or paper with narrow ruffles, dots are considered as the best taste, although plain fronts are also correct and pleasing in popularity. Another handsome and entirely correct pattern of shirt front has a plain linen fold delicately embroidered with a vine-pattern up the center. One small stud is now mostly favored, but in many cases two are used; either number, is correct.

The collar should be a standing collar of medium height, with turnover points of not too pronounced prominence, or a straight collar meeting in front (not lapping); but should be noted that these three forms for the exercise of individual discretion, and the height and size of point may be varied in accordance with requirements, always observing the rule to avoid extremes.

The tie should be either the "double bow" or a plain knot made up, and should be white linen or satin. Ties are preferable made for link buttons, but are equally correct when made to lay.

Black may be worn at balls, but may be worn or not at other occasions, as may be desired.

Shoes should be of patent leather, with tops of black or Italian, in imitation of the effect of polished leather, and black silk stockings.

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AN EXPOSITION MOVE.

A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT STARKE TO THE CITY FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A Way Pointed out in Which Richmond May Render the Scheme Substantial and Practical Assistance.

In the following letter Mr. Ashton Starke, president of the State Agricultural Society, approaches the City Council for aid in the matter of securing funds to erect a building in which to hold an exposition. The city holds the obligation of the society to a large amount. If the city and the life-members consent, all individuals and claims will be capitalized, and upon a fair estimate of the valuation of the society's property, enough additional stock may be disposed of to our public-spirited capitalists to raise the money needed for building the exposition hall. The city is not asked to surrender its claim, but to change its form.

RICHMOND, Va., December 28, 1887.

Dear Sir.—The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Agricultural Society, which occurs January 12, 1888, is my apology for asking at the hands of the City Council of Richmond the earliest possible consideration of the following: I ask this early attention, because you will appreciate how difficult it is to get the gentlemen composing the Executive Committee from the remote portions of the State together, and in the fact that if anything is to be accomplished by next fall in the line desired to time can be lost. The State Agricultural Society, its work, the benefits derived from its annual calling together of a great multitude of people to our city, and the greater benefits we, as citizens, might enjoy in the enlargement of its operations, are all subjects which your interest enables you to appreciate at a glance.

Let me say that in this paper I am simply speaking for myself as president of the Agricultural Society, and in no way expressing any sentiment of the Executive Committee of the society itself. Therefore, I may be pardoned for a personal allusion so far as to add that whenever success the society may enjoy under its administration, I can be but too proud to share in it.

There are no emoluments for me personally, save those which must likewise accrue to every citizen, in the advancement of our commercial interests. The proposition which I desire an expression of opinion upon, is that the City Council, prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the society on the 12th proximo, is simply as follows:

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DAY EVENING, to continue every evening this week.

Leo XIII. was born in March 1810; was ordained priest in December, 1837; was consecrated bishop in March, 1843; was elected cardinal in December, 1858; and was elected pope by 44 out of 62 cardinals in the conclave of February, 1878.

To-night Cathedral Hall will be thrown open to the public at 7:30 o'clock, when there will be recitations of poems, readings from the life of this illustrious pontiff, and an address from Bishop Keane.

Special services will be held in all the churches next Sunday. This association of which has not been completed at this writing. At St. Mary's church Professor Tremere's orchestra will add to the ceremonies.

Bishop Keane will close the ceremonies on next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Cathedral, when he will speak on "Leo XIII., his life, acts, and writings." The Bishop's reputation as an orator, together with his personal acquaintance with the Holy Father and the historical places on the continent connected with the Pope's life, will make his address unusually interesting. Whilst the Cathedral will be thrown open to the public, a collection will be taken up for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul's Conference, whose object is to alleviate the sufferings of the needy, regardless of race, or nationality. This association distributes alms in a secret manner weekly, through the hands of its members, who visit every person applying for relief. There is no doubt that the Cathedral will be crowded on this occasion.

MEMBERS OF THEIR CHOICE.

The Good Templars and Other Orders Elect Officers.

On Tuesday night last Friendship Lodge, No. 10, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: A. K. Henry, noble grand; W. C. Davis, vice-grand; John Pitt, secretary; W. J. Snyder, treasurer; Robert F. Jones, chaplain. On next Tuesday night the installation of officers will take place. This lodge will be fifty years old on the 8th of January next, but is vigorous and flourishing, having frequent accessions to its membership from the ranks of our best young men.

RICHMOND COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of Richmond Council, No. 9, Order of Chosen Friends, held on Tuesday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Past Councilor, R. D. Chestnut; Chief Councilor, Charles Clancy; Vice-Councilor, Thomas B. Timberlake; Secretary, E. M. Bloomer; Treasurer, J. H. Harvey; Preceptor, Dr. J. P. Roy; Marshal, E. H. Belton; Ward, C. E. Fleming; Guard, J. A. McLean; Sentry, John S. Elburn; Medical Examiner, Dr. James P. Roy; Trustees—Dr. J. P. Roy, J. F. Lawrence, and W. M. Luck. This council, which has been in existence only four months, is in a flourishing condition.

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STREET NOMENCLATURE.

What Are We Going to Do About Our Western Thoroughfares?

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Knowing the desire of the Council to do anything which will tend to develop the best interests of the city, I am sure, I may expect that the Council will decide in favor of the proposition. Very respectfully, Ashton Starke, President.

Mr. Starke is at present out of the city, but will soon return and give the Finance Committee, the Council, and the public all additional information in regard to the proposition. If you appear otherwise than in full evening dress.

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DINING OF THE POOR.

ABOUT TWELVE HUNDRED FED AT OLD-MARKET HALL.

Christmas-Trees at the Almshouse—Orphans to Dine To-Day—Sunday-School Celebration.

The kind ladies who gave the Christmas dinner to the poor at Old Market Hall yesterday must have felt themselves amply repaid for all their labor when they looked upon the happy, beaming faces of those who were the recipients of their charity. The extreme inclemency of the weather prevented a large number of the aged and infirm from putting in their appearance, as is usual, but still there were about 1,200 who were made happy for a time by what they received.

The dinner consisted of coffee (for the older ones), turkey, ham, beef, bread, cakes, &c., &c. There was a bag of confectionery and a toy for each child, given to them as they went out. Rev. Mr. Nash asked a blessing for the first table and Rev. Mr. Sturges, of Trinity Methodist church, for the second.

The ladies who had charge of the matter at their next meeting make a suitable acknowledgment of those kind friends without whose contributions there would have been no dinner. In the mean time they desire to return thanks in bulk and to express their regrets that those who thus helped them were not present to see what good had been accomplished by their aid.

Mrs. Pleasant requests the *Dispatch* to mention that they were especially gratified at the contributions sent by the several Sabbath schools and section "B," primary grade, Bellevue, who presented a bag of money. A family which had been greatly helped in former years, but who now are able to take care of themselves, made and sent to the dinner a fine fruit-cake. She also desires to thank the little girls of the installation of officers will take place. This lodge will be fifty years old on the 8th of January next, but is vigorous and flourishing, having frequent accessions to its membership from the ranks of our best young men.

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Mariano Lanzarone, a man of sixty-five, though fairly young looking for that age, and for some years the proprietor of a small confectionery store, died in bed about 9 o'clock yesterday morning under circumstances that raise the suspicion of suicide.

Deceased occupied a room on the third floor of the building No. 235 Broad street. He retired about 9 o'clock yesterday night, and at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when a lodger in the house went to his room to awaken him, he was found to be unconscious. Some time was lost in getting a doctor and the ambulance physician had to be sent for, when it was found that Lanzarone was beyond all mortal call.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

Some of the Cases Before Justice Richardson.

The most important cases on the Police Court docket yesterday morning were those of Charles Doolittle and S. alias Pike Samuels, charged with stealing \$28, the property of Charles Koss. Counsel for the accused was James H. Clifton, who was certified to the Hastings Court. Those are the alleged Boston crooks who have been sent on to the grand jury on several charges of till-tapping.

In the death of Mr. Lanzarone, the Italian confectioner, who was found dead in his bed, it was charged with robbery, one of the strongest witnesses for the Commonwealth is gone.

SELLING LIQUOR ON SUNDAY.

The case of R. M. Tyler, the colored proprietor of a saloon on west Broad street, came up for final consideration. Mrs. Hattie Simms, who rooms over Tyler's place, testified that on Sunday, December 28, she got liquor from Tyler, and that there were three men in the bar-room at the time—Alexander Holmes, William Sutton, and Samuel Owens. The witness exhibited a pass-book, which showed that Tyler had sold liquor on Sunday, December 28, 11th, and 17th.

The three men whose names had been given by the witness were examined, and all of them denied being in the bar-room Sunday, December 18th, and had never bought liquor from Tyler on Sunday.

The counsel for defense asked that Tyler be discharged, as the prosecutor in this case, Mrs. Simms, had been impeached by three witnesses for the Commonwealth, and the prosecution was abandoned. Justice Richardson imposed a fine of \$25. An appeal was taken.

OTHER CASES.

W. L. Fitzgerald, carrying concealed weapons and firing a pistol on the street. Fined \$20.

James Campbell (colored), drunk, disorderly, and resisting Police Officer Frank \$100 and costs.

William Miller, stealing two comforts valued at \$3, the property of Charles Marye. Sent to jail for sixty days.

The case of William Bevens, charged with feloniously cutting and wounding William Landrum (therefore reported), was continued to Saturday. The wounded man not being yet able to appear in court.

Leslie Clifford was charged with assaulting and wounding Ida Lee, and Ida Lee was charged with assaulting and wounding Leslie Clifford. These women had a fight Tuesday night, in which they were both injured, and were taken to the hospital. The case was accordingly continued.

FIRE LAST NIGHT.

A Hall and Two Kitchens Destroyed—Insurance.

Last night at 7:55 o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in from Box No. 68, corner of Seventeenth and Lower streets. The fire was on the premises of Mr. James Holloman, on the extreme north end of Seventeenth street, outside the corporate limits, and nearly opposite the Chesapeake and Ohio railway shops.

Eugenes Ross, and a man from lower Main street, who were seen to be present, but the water-main in that neighborhood is small, there was only one small stream could be gotten. Consequently, the fire was not put out until it had reached the roof.

The fire was estimated at \$1,400; insured for \$200. Everything indicated that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

A light fire at the shoe-shop of B. J. Smith, No. 1300 west Main street, was the cause of an alarm being turned in from Box 41, corner of Main and Harris streets, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. A badly-constructed chimney was the cause. The fire was quickly extinguished, there being no one in the district in which the fire occurred.

DANVILLE RAILROAD OFFICES.

Does the Company Really Mean to Bring Them Back?

An Alexandria special received by this paper last night says: "Notwithstanding the various statements that have appeared from time to time in reference to the removal of certain departments of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company from Washington to Richmond, we learn, on what may be relied as good authority, that these changes will not be carried out, and that the probability is that those employees sent to Richmond will in a short time return. Major Randolph will remain in Washington and the report that Mr. Sol. Hall will be made general manager is credited."

Major Dooley some time ago told a *Dispatch* representative that the Board of Directors had entered an order directing that the employees of the company be removed to Richmond. President Bull was present at the time. If the board has revoked its action the public is not informed; but there are no signs indicating a return of the offices to Richmond.

More Cold Weather Coming.

The following telegram addressed to the Chamber of Commerce reached here yesterday at 7 P. M.:

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Continue cold-wave signal till 7 A. M. 30th.

When the cold-wave flag was raised at 1:30 A. M. yesterday the thermometer indicated 43°; at the same hour this morning it was 46°.

Telegrams from the far West speak of terrible blizzards, and the prospects are that we will get a taste of the same sort of weather, though it is not likely to linger here as long as it does in that country.

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